

Is that you?

SHOPKEEPER'S QUESTION TO PRIME MINISTER AS MAY AND HUSBAND HOLIDAY IN NORTH WALES

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THE Prime Minister was among the holidaymakers enjoying the spring sunshine in North Wales this weekend.

Theresa May popped into an arts and crafts shop in Dolgellau in Gwynedd on Saturday before attending a Palm Sunday service at the town's St Mary's Church.

She bought two sterling silver rings made by Barmouth jeweller Anna Hicks at the Celf Aran Arts shop on Eldon Square, as well as some Welsh slate coasters made by Mat Fletcher.

The PM, who regularly attends church, was spotted at St Mary's yesterday morning wearing one of the rings she bought on Saturday.

Ms Hicks, 54, said she was delighted the Prime Minister liked her work.

"When I first heard she had bought some of my pieces, I thought it was a wind-up, but I am very pleased that she liked the rings," she said.

"They are practical rings that can be worn every day.

"We would be delighted if she came back to the shop. Apparently she's a regular visitor and I think it's great that she buys locally when she is here."

This is thought to be the fourth time the Prime Minister, who is a keen hiker, has stayed in the area.

A spokesperson for Number 10 said: "The Prime Minister and her husband are taking a short UK break away from the office.

"She will continue to be briefed and updated as required. She is a regular visitor to Snowdonia to go walking."

Matt Fletcher, 38, served Mrs May when she came into the art shop, where she bought some of the Blaenau Ffestiniog slate coasters that he had made.

He said: "My father-in-law pointed out a lady he said looked like the Prime Minister but I didn't think anything of it. Later her husband came over and asked if they could look at some rings. When I realised it was Theresa May I got very nervous and started to fumble with the keys for the display case and I said to her is it you? and she said 'well, it depends on who you is.' It was all very exciting."

■ Theresa May and husband in Dolgellau; INSET: The ring the PM bought in the town; INSET RIGHT: Matt Fletcher who served her



Teenager hurts leg in Tryfan accident

MOUNTAIN rescuers carried an injured teenager off a mountain peak after he fell and injured a leg.

The 19-year-old from Blackpool was climbing on Tryfan, a 3,000 foot peak in the Ogwen Valley, when he fell.

Ogwen Valley MRT (OVMRO) members were alerted about midday and the Coastguard helicopter from Caernarfon was also scrambled.

OVMRO spokesman Chris Lloyd said the helicopter was able to drop off two winchmen but deteriorating weather conditions meant it was unable to return to winch the casualty off the hill.

"It meant we had to transfer the casualty off the mountain into Cwm Bochlwyd before the helicopter was able to return and drop him off at our base because the helipad at Ysbyty Gwynedd was fogbound," he said.

The man is not thought to be seriously hurt.

It was the second call out for the team over the weekend.

On Saturday evening team members led a couple of "inadequately equipped" people from a mountain in Snowdonia to safety.



The Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue team were alerted at 7.35pm by police.

Mr Lloyd said the pair, from the Coventry area but originally from Poland, had set off from Aber to walk to Ogwen.

"They made their way across the Carneddau and became stuck during the descent of Pen-Yr-Ole Wen towards Ogwen at the onset of darkness.

"A small party climbed to meet them and guided them off the mountain to safety," he said. Mr Lloyd added the ambitious pair were not at all familiar with walking in UK mountains and were fortunate to have got as far as they managed without an earlier incident.